

MINING NOTES OF INTEREST

SURPRISED AT THE WEALTH OF NEVADA NINES

Mark Butler, a prosperous farmer of Geneva, Nebraska, who knows all about farming, but with a vague and imperfect knowledge of mining, came here last week to attend the wedding of his son, who captured one of Ely's fairest daughters, and while here was shown around the district by W. T. Taylor. The smelter impressed him with its magnitude and importance, but failed to convey a money-earning capacity, as he was not posted on percentages of ore and copper values. On the following day Copper Flat was visited and Mr. Butler timed the steam shovels and found that they loaded a 50-ton car in an average of four minutes. This set him to thinking and he asked what per cent of copper the ore carried, and was told that it was about 2 1/2 per cent, of which 2 per cent values were saved. He then asked what copper was worth, and was told that it was now averaging about 13 1/2 cents, which was very low for the metal.

"Why," said Mr. Butler, "that makes a carload of ore worth about \$280 and one car can be loaded every four minutes. You say that sixty cars is the daily average at the present time, or an output of \$16,800 per day, a total of about \$6,172,000 per year. Now let me see how this shovel compares with farming in Nebraska. One acre of land will produce about thirty-five bushels of corn, worth 60 cents per bushel, or \$21 per acre. Now in my county in Nebraska there are 625 square miles, or about 400,000 acres. Say that one-half of that is in cultivation and was planted to corn last year, that would bring a total value of \$4,200,000, leaving a balance in favor of the steam shovel of nearly \$2,000,000 a year. Is that correct?"

"Oh, then there are other mines now producing, the Veteran and the Giroux, and you say that the Nevada Con. would now be working two steam shovels if it had the milling capacity, and expects to work five or six of them steadily when its plant is completed, and that this is only the beginning and that there are dozens of other properties in the district. Well, I am pretty good at figures, but this is entirely too big a proposition for mental calculation. I confess that I have always been just a little prejudiced against mining, but this business is real and tangible and I now see that your camp has a great future."

"If what you say about the other properties in the district is correct, in a few years you will be producing as much wealth from these barren hills as half the corn counties of Nebraska. It is simply wonderful. I had no idea of the magnitude of your mineral deposit, nor of the wholesale manner in which your companies have undertaken to convert these mountains into money. Eventually you must have a great population here, but you will need Nebraska eggs, pork, beef and flour, and in this I see where the miners are of material assistance to farmers, for they must be fed and clothed, and nothing is too good for them."—Ely Record.

TOMORROW NIGHT'S BILL AT PAVILION

"We Are Kings," the satirical comedy by Lieutenant Gordon Kean, author of "The Magic Melody," in which Mr. Edmund Carroll is again starring this season, is one of the most successful plays ever presented by Mr. Walker Whiteside. It is a charming play, having both the romantic interest and more comedy than is usually found in plays of this type. A delightful love story runs through the play and the action is keen and delightfully spirited.

Mr. Carroll has the original production and when he appears tomorrow night at the Pavilion, it is safe to say the theater-going people of Tonopah will enjoy a delightful evening's entertainment.

Bonanza ads bring results

MORE WEALTH DISCOVERED IN SOUTH NEVADA

LAS VEGAS, Jan. 18.—About forty-five miles southwest of Las Vegas, in southern Nevada, there is a district destined soon to add an entirely new feature to the mining industry of the west. Here are to be seen deposits of zinc carbonate ores equalling anything of their kind in the world.

As illustrative of the limitations of ordinary human discernment, the true character of the great deposits was utterly unknown until less than three years ago.

For the past twenty-five years this district had been prized for its lead. Though far removed from railroad and smelting facilities, this metal had been mined, and the best of it shipped, in a fitful way, ever since 1893.

Accompanying this lead were dykes of a brittle, light colored material which the miners called ledge matter, and contemptuously flung over the dump, until some inquiring miners took the pains to have it analyzed. The returns showed a large percentage of zinc. Then every body began sending away samples, until it was found that Goodsprings possessed ten tons of zinc to one of lead.

Now, when a big discovery is made in gold or silver, there straightway comes the inevitable rush—and another Goldfield or Tonopah. But it didn't happen that way at Goodsprings, for the simple reason that, with the nearest zinc smelter 2000 miles away, all these great ore bodies were as valueless as that many piles of desert cactus.

Happily, some of those who found themselves possessed of this new discovery, gamely concluded that, since all industries must have a beginning, they would go ahead and see how much tonnage they could develop, believing that smelting facilities would necessarily follow the opening up of sufficient quantities of a metal that the whole world wanted, and was paying a good price for.

This work has been going quietly on at the Potosi, Rover, Green Mountain, Monte Cristo, Hoodo, Shenandoah, and a number of other properties, until there are now opened up ore bodies which would furnish hundreds of tons daily, and more ore being continually developed.

About 16,000 tons have been shipped to the zinc smelters in Kansas, more as a test than anything else, and the general average of this ore was about 40 per cent.

It being thus clearly proven that Goodsprings has the prime requisite for reduction works, namely, plenty of good ore, steps are being taken by three or four prominent zinc operators to provide such facilities, and soon Goodsprings will become the largest producer of base metals in Nevada, and probably the foremost zinc district in the world.

ADVISES VIGOROUS ACTION TO STOP CLAIM JUMPING

A correspondent of the Winnebucca Star, writing from Rebel creek, says:

"It looks as if Humboldt county might get the prize for the greatest number of killings. Although some have been justifiable, some are not, as in the affair that happened at Chafey, where Sol Hendra lost his life. This murder was not only atrocious, but cowardly. They did not want the courts to settle the dispute as to the ownership of the claim, as they knew the decision would be against them. 'If we can't rob you, we can kill you,' seems to be their motto. Such miscreants can be found in every camp in the country. They will never try to find and develop mining property, but prefer to try to bluff some hard working man out of his claim, although he may have worked hard on it for years. If they should get the property, instead of developing it they will sell it for a few dollars and then hunt the booze and gambling joint, and when broke they attempt to go and rob some one else. The organization of a '601' in every camp would soon correct this evil and cause this class to move out or else get a through ticket to the country where there is no claim jumping."

**SILVER HIGHEST
IN MANY MONTHS**
NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Silver, 52.87 1/2; lead, dull, 4.15 @ 4.20; copper, weak, 14.25 @ 14.37 1/2.

State Notes

Lincoln county has two pages of delinquent taxpayers in the Las Vegas Age.

Las Vegas taxpayers want a new county formed. They wish to be segregated from Lincoln county, claiming they can maintain and sustain the new county government.

Strong pressure is to be brought to bear upon the legislature for a reformation of the insurance laws of the state and the wildcat concerns will be forced out; also the companies which dodged full payment on the San Francisco earthquake losses.

President Stubbs has asked the Washoe county delegation to obtain for him at the next session of the legislature \$176,000 for maintaining the university for the succeeding two years. He also requests \$100,000 for new buildings and \$250,000 for a new library.

The stockmen of eastern Oregon, on the northern line of Nevada, have organized a coyote hunt to take place next month. In a similar hunt a year ago 10,000 coyotes were slaughtered. It is estimated that these varmints destroy \$1,000,000 worth of stock annually.

Miss Jeanette Weir, an instructor in the Nevada university, has completed the first biennial report of the Nevada Historical society, and forwarded it to the governor. The report, comprising 209 typewritten pages, gives in detail the history of the organization and follows with many features touching on the history of Nevada.

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ELKS' REHEARSAL PROVED MOST SATISFACTORY

The Elks' minstrels held another rehearsal last evening at the club rooms of the Elks, and the result is such that the performance will be one of the greatest that has been presented in this city for some time. The members of the cast stated last night that any one with chapped lips had better be careful about attending, for the show was going to be a laugh from curtain to curtain. The brainy ones of the herd are holding consultations daily and devising new stunts. These parts are handed out to any one who has the nerve to present them, and now the bunch of actors are the nerviest aggregation on record. One of the features of the evening will be the Romeo and Juliet scene from Shakespeare. Grant Crumley takes the part of Juliet, while the fair Romeo is portrayed by Billy Douglass. Juliet will be attired in one of those director's gowns and her appearance in the balcony will probably cause a riot. There will be extra deputy sheriffs sworn in for the occasion and they will be stationed through the audience.

EDITOR WASSON DEAD.

POMONA (Cal.), Jan. 18.—John Wasson, 76, editor of the Pomona Times and president of the state normal school at Los Angeles, died at his home here early Saturday. He was a newspaperman of southern California and Arizona and had an eventful career.

FINDS BODY OF A MAN.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Shortly before noon Saturday, E. H. McKillip, a boatman at Westlake park, disfloating in the lake. Later it was found that the dead man was John W. White of 606 W. Ninth street, an employe of the Novo Remedy company.

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COURT STENOGRAPHER ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY

Miss Frances Smith, court stenographer of the district court, narrowly escaped receiving serious burns last evening at her residence. She was lighting a fire with the aid of kerosene, and the flash that resulted burned her slightly about the head. Luckily no serious burns were received and she will be able to attend to her court duties today.

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TO RECOMMEND PLACING MARINES ON SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—By unanimous vote, the house committee on naval affairs today agreed to recommend placing the marines back on the ships, contrary to the action of the president.

This action was taken at a meeting following the taking of testimony for six days. Admiral Evans was the last witness heard.

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